

SENATE BILL 935

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By: **Senators Robey, DeGrange, Hogan, Kasemeyer, Lenett, Madaleno, Muse, Peters, Pugh, Raskin, and Stoltzfus**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2007

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Traffic Control Signals – Exit Ramps**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit
4 ramp from an expressway and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal to
5 stop at a certain location and to remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto
6 the highway; providing for the assessment of certain points for a violation of
7 this Act; establishing that a certain penalty applies to a violation of this Act;
8 and generally relating to traffic signals.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 16–402(a)(9)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 21–209
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 27–101(b)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article – Transportation**

5 16–402.

6 (a) After the conviction of an individual for a violation of Title 2, Subtitle 5, §
7 2–209, or § 3–211 of the Criminal Law Article, or of the vehicle laws or regulations of
8 this State or of any local authority, points shall be assessed against the individual as
9 of the date of violation and as follows:

10 (9) Failure to stop a vehicle for a steady red traffic signal in violation
11 of § 21–202 of this article **OR A NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IN**
12 **VIOLATION OF § 21–209 OF THIS ARTICLE** 2 points

13 **21–209.**

14 **VEHICULAR TRAFFIC APPROACHING A HIGHWAY FROM AN EXIT RAMP**
15 **FROM AN EXPRESSWAY, AS DEFINED IN § 21–101(K) OF THIS TITLE, AND FACING**
16 **A NONFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE**
17 **EXIT RAMP AND THE HIGHWAY SHALL:**

18 (1) **STOP:**

19 (I) **AT A CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE;**

20 (II) **IF THERE IS NO CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE, BEFORE**
21 **ENTERING ANY CROSSWALK; OR**

22 (III) **IF THERE IS NO CROSSWALK, BEFORE ENTERING THE**
23 **HIGHWAY; AND**

24 (2) **REMAIN STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO CONTINUE ONTO THE**
25 **HIGHWAY.**

26 27–101.

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
2 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
3 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2007.